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DEVELOPMENT OF BUDHIST STUPA, AP
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)the reasons for neglecting to develop a 2nd Century Buddhist Stupa at Jaggaiahpet in Krishan District of Andhra Pradesh even after its excavation in 1881;

(b)whether ASI has taken initiative to develop the above mentioned Buddhist Stupa; and

(c)if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)The remains of Buddhist Stupa at Jaggaiahpet, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh, is protected under the Provisions of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act of 1958 and is maintained regularly by the Archaeological Survey of India as per archaeological principles.

(b) & (c)To develop the site, scientific clearance work was carried out revealing ancient floor levels, pillars and loose sculptures besides the remains of viharas. Further, for carrying out appropriate conservation works at the Mahastupa Rs. 1.35 lakh has been sanctioned during the current financial year (2007-08)